

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

- A2 Sub B1
1. (Amended) Holding device for a flexographic printing sleeve, the holding device having at least one receiving member with a cylindrical lateral surface onto which a printing sleeve may be mounted, the receiving member being rotatable about [its own and the] a longitudinal axis of the printing sleeve, characterized in that the receiving member [(3)] has two or more shoulders [(4)] of differing diameters and that a second, equivalent receiving member [(3)] is provided, both receiving members [(3)] being arranged and rotatable [on the same] about the longitudinal axis, and the receiving members [(3)] with their smallest shoulders [(4)] being aligned with each other, and at least one receiving member [(3)] being adjustable along the longitudinal axis such that a variable distance between both receiving members [(3)] may be set.
2. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the receiving member [(3)] has toothed elements [(5)] in radial [and/]or axial orientation which interface with corresponding toothed elements allocated to the sleeves [(2)].
3. Device according to [claims 1 or 2] claim 1, [characterized in that] further comprising an inner support sleeve [(6) is provided] adapted to receive the sleeve [(2)], the support sleeve [(6)] having air channels leading from [the] an end face or from [the] an inner surface of the support sleeve [(6)] to [the] an outer surface of the support sleeve.
- Sub B2
4. Device according to [one of the foregoing claims] claim 1, characterized in that the sleeve [(2)] or the support sleeve [(6)] has reinforcing elements in [its] an inner cavity.